

**State of California**  
**Department of Parks and Recreation**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Mendocino District  
P.O. Box 440  
Mendocino, CA 95460

**PROJECT TITLE:** Pave Parking Lot

**LOCATION:** Jug Handle State Reserve

**COUNTY:** Mendocino

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Pave an existing 41,600 square feet gravel parking lot with a three inch asphalt overlay at Jug Handle State Reserve. The vehicle entrance to the parking lot will be widened approximately five feet to accommodate large vehicles, such as school buses. In order to widen the entrance, two non-native Monterey pine trees will be removed by cutting them down and grinding their stumps. Striped vehicle parking slots, including handicap parking, will be painted on the new asphalt surface. In the event that previously undocumented cultural resources are encountered during project construction, work will cease at the location of the find until a DPR-qualified archaeologist has evaluated the find and implemented appropriate treatment and disposition of the artifact(s).

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Mendocino District

**EXEMPT STATUS:** ☒ **Categorical Exemption**      **Class 1, 3, Section 15301, 15303**

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the minor alteration of an existing public facility involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels, and the conversion of an existing facility included as "small parking lots" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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